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Tina Hanifin

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- ☒ [X] Response to Election/Restriction Requirement dated December 31, 2002
- ☒ [X] Return Receipt Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

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Respectfully submitted,
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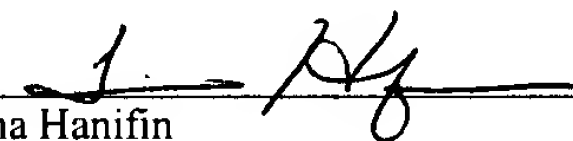
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated December 31, 2002, the Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-9, with traverse. Although it is not conceded that the claimed method could not be used to produce a product other than the claimed product, or that the claimed product could not be made by other than the claimed method, in this case, especially, it is strongly urged that the Examiner reconsider the restriction based upon the directive (MPEP § 803) that notwithstanding any valid grounds for restriction, restriction should not be made if a single search and examination could be performed with respect to these groups without undue burden. It is not seen how undue burden would exist in this case.

A first and favorable action is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with the Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 573-7851.

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